Manufactuitt and efficacy of Amrit Kalash

8?1 SHI'J SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to -state:

(a) whether Government ars aware that an Ayurvedic medicine Amrit Kalash' is being widely marketed and advertised in India;

(b) whetlier the efficacy of the medicine has been established after clinical trials in Government laboratories and hospitals; and

(c) what ure the names of the companies which are manufacturing this medicine in India undei! different trade names indicating the refnil price of jach?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (c) There have been a few reports in a Sectioi of the Indian Press about a herbal Foo< I Supplement preparation named 'Amrit Kalish' prepared by Maharishi Ayurveda, Noida (UP), as a proprietary item. It haa been claimed'that the prepara-: tion is use'ul in certain he-ttt ailments, cancer, etc. However, Scientific evidence is scanty.

Spread of Jaundice due to the supply of impure drinking water to South Delhi colonies

828. SHM SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whetlier Government are aware of the spread of jaundice in South Delhi colonies, especially *'n* Vasanc Kunj;

(b) whether the water supplied to these colonies have been tested and fdund fit for drinking purposes; if not, what are the reasons th,«refqr and whether drinking water is not properly treated before supplying tb fSellii residents; and

(c) whetlier Government propose to en quire into the iriatter rind take steps to supply pure drinking water to stop further spread of .he disease and also bring to book those responsible to supplying im pure drinki ig water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) A team from National Institute of •Communicable Diseases visaed South Delhi areas including Press Enplava Vasant Kunj and investigated the viral bepatitic cases - reported from these areas through house to house survey. No evidence of increase in jaundice was noticed.

(b) and (c) According to the information received from Delhi • Development Authority, samples of water from all the sources of water supply were tested in the last ■week of April '90 for-bacteriological as well as chemical tests and the results were found to be satisfactory. A sampb of water was also collected by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi staff in a surprise check fr~m on? of thg underground tanks of Vasant Kunj on 29-6-90 which was found fit for human consumption.

Quality Control measures adopted by Municipal Corporation of Delhi

In order to provide safe drinking water supply to the residents of Delhi, strict quality control measures are adopted under the control of Director, Treatment & Quality Control Delhi Water Supply & Sewage Disposal Undertaking. The quality of water is checked at every stage of treatment right from the raw water stags upto storage in service reservoirs and abo in the distribution system at the consumers end. Besides, water supplied from ranney wells and tube wells and from distribution system is also tested on regular basis to ensure that no contamination has taken place during transmission of wa sr through municipal mains. Near ibout 100 water samples are lifted daily fr")m the distribution svstem i.e. individual taps and public hydrants.

Use of packing materials by drug manufacturers

829. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI W'[11] the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sdme drug manufacturers u*e etfsfly packaging Miterials which unnecessarily increase the tiftfts